

IMPORTANT DATES FOR BIDDERS

April 25, 2003 Bid Opening

There are five important dates that bidders must be aware of when planning to bid on projects advertised by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Those dates for the **April 25, 2003** Letting are as indicated below:

PREQUALIFICATION

Any contractor who desires to become prequalified to bid on work advertised by IDOT must submit the properly completed prequalification forms to the Bureau of Construction no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time twenty-one days prior to the letting of interest. This prequalification requirement applies to first time contractors, contractors renewing expired ratings, contractors maintaining continuous prequalification or contractors requesting revised ratings.

The prequalification cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **April 4, 2003**. Also, to be eligible to bid, existing prequalification ratings must be effective through the date of letting.

JOINT VENTURES

Prequalified contractors wishing to combine bidding capacity and bid items as joint ventures must submit the appropriate properly completed forms no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time, seven (7) days prior to the letting date. The required joint venture forms are the "Request for Proposal Forms and Plans & Request for Authorization to Bid" (BDE 124), the ORIGINAL "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57) and the ORIGINAL "Certificate of Joint Venture" (BC 2267).

The Joint venture cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **April 18, 2003**

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BID

Contractors wanting to bid on items included in a particular letting must submit the properly completed "Request for Proposal Forms and Plans & Request for Authorization to Bid" (BDE 124) and the properly completed ORIGINAL "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57) to the proper office no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time, three (3) days prior to letting date. The Authorization to Bid request cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **April 22, 2003**

SUBMITTAL OF BIDS

The time and place of letting is always listed in the Transportation Bulletin. Most lettings are held at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time in the Auditorium of the IDOT Harry R. Hanley Building located at 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois.

No bid will be accepted unless delivered prior to the time specified in the Transportation Bulletin. Bidders submitting bids by U.S. Mail or courier are cautioned to allow sufficient time for delivery.

DBE UTILIZATION PLANS

Projects requiring DBE participation require the AS-READ-LOW-BIDDER to submit the required utilization plan to the Bureau of Small Business within seven (7) working days after the letting.

The cut-off date for the submittal of required DBE utilization plans is **May 6, 2003**